
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6375

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development
(originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Jacobsen,
Honeyford, Shin, Morton and Delvin)

READ FIRST TIME 01/23/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to animal identification; creating a new section;
2 and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The director of agriculture shall
5 convene an advisory committee composed of representatives from the
6 various segments of the cattle industry that will be involved in the
7 implementation of the state's component of the national animal
8 identification program for animal health and disease trace-back
9 purposes. The advisory committee shall be chaired by the director of
10 agriculture or the director's appointee. In making the appointments to
11 the advisory committee, the director shall consult with organizations
12 that represent the affected segments of the cattle industry. The
13 director may appoint additional members to the advisory committee as
14 deemed necessary.

15 (2) The advisory committee shall evaluate the requirements of the
16 federal program and examine approaches being taken by other states to
17 implement the requirements, with an emphasis on neighboring states and
18 the states that engage in the largest amount of trade in cattle with
19 Washington, and evaluate demonstration projects that the department

1 shall conduct at two or more facilities that handle large numbers of
2 animals. The advisory committee shall make a recommendation on how the
3 federal requirements should be implemented in Washington that includes
4 recommended funding amounts and sources. In developing a funding
5 proposal, the advisory committee shall consult with the office of
6 financial management.

7 (3) The department shall submit a written report of the activities
8 and recommendations of the advisory committee to the house of
9 representatives and to the senate by December 1, 2006.

10 (4) This section expires July 1, 2007.

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